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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MAYOR OF CHARLOTTESVILLE TO POGGIO A
CAIANO

1. CHARLOTTESVILLE MAYOR NANCY K. O'BRIEN HAS INFORMED
DEPARTMENT THAT SHE PLANS TRIP TO ITALY IN LATE APRIL/EARLY
MAY IN CONNECTION WITH HER HUSBAND'S PARTICIPATION AT A
MEDICAL CONVENTION IN ROME. MAYOR O'BRIEN WOULD LIKE TO
USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PAY RETURN VISIT TO POGGIO A CAIANO
AND PRATO AS PART OF THE TWIN CITY RELATIONSHIP. MAYOR
HAS IN MIND A 48-HOUR STAY BETWEEN MAY 2-5 (O'BRIENS MUST
DEPART FLORENCE AREA NO LATER THAN NOON MAY 5 IN ORDER TO
CATCH RETURN FLIGHT TO US FROM ROME MAY 6.)

2. THREE OTHER CHARLOTTESVILLE REPRESENTATIVES (WITHOUT
WIVES) ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO JOIN MAYOR AND DR.
O'BRIEN IN POGGIO A CAIANO: GERALD E. FISCHER, CHAIRMAN
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY; FRANCIS
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FIFE, FORMER MAYOR OF CHARLOTTESVILLE; AND MICHAEL P.
GLEASON, FORMER ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ALBEMARLE-CHARLOTTES-
VILLE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

3. BEFORE RESPONDING FORMALLY TO MAYOR PEZZATTI'S
INVITATION, MRS. O'BRIEN HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO SOUND OUT

CONSULATE ON A NUMBER OF POINTS:

A. ARE PROPOSED DATES ACCEPTABLE?

B. FISCHER, FIFE AND GLEASON WOULD BE TRAVELING ON EXTREMELY TIGHT BUDGET. WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO SUGGEST TO PEZZATTI HOME HOSPITALITY OR SOME OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS BE ARRANGED FOR THEM TO SAVE HOTEL COSTS?

C. EXCHANGE OF GIFTS: O'BRIEN WOULD PREFER TO SEND GIFTS TO CONSULATE VIA POUCH OR APO. NEED CONSULATE'S RECOMMENDATION OF BEST MEANS WITH ESTIMATE OF MINIMUM AIR/SEA TRANSIT TIME NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFE ARRIVAL IN ADVANCE OF VISIT.

D. STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: PEOPLE OF CHARLOTTESVILLE PLAN TO REBUILD THE CITY'S HISTORIC FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN A FIRE LAST YEAR. CHURCH HAD SEVERAL ANTIQUE ITALIAN STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. COULD PEZZATTI HELP IN FINDING REASONABLY SIZED STAINED GLASS, ANTIQUE OR MODERN, WHICH COULD BE USED AS WINDOW OF NEW CHURCH, ALONGSIDE PLAQUE CITING DONOR AND TWIN CITY CONNECTION (CHARLOTTESVILLE WOULD PAY SHIPPING AND INSURANCE COSTS)?

4. IF VISIT AS OUTLINED ABOVE AGREEABLE TO MAYOR PEZZATTI, CHARLOTTESVILLE OFFICIALS WILL INTRODUCE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VISIT UNDER TWIN CITY UMBRELLA.

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5. ANY THOUGHTS OR SUGGESTIONS CONSULATE MAY HAVE RE PLANNED VISIT WOULD BE WELCOME.

6. FOR MILAN: O'BRIENS ARE CONSIDERING SIDE TRIP TO TOWN OF MONTICELLO, NEAR LAKE COMO, TO MEET INTERESTED OFFICIALS OF NAMESAKE OF JEFFERSON'S ESTATE. ANY INFORMATION ON TOWN (POPULATION, SIZE, LOCATION) YOU COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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